

Amendment No. 1 to SB3129

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3129

House Bill No. 3132*

by deleting the amendatory language of Section 3 of the printed bill and by substituting the following:

(1) Each criminal case shall be assigned a unique docket number. A criminal case in a court of record, except juvenile court, shall be defined and reported as a single charge or set of charges arising out of a single incident involving the same victim(s) concerning a defendant in one (1) court proceeding. An incident shall be all criminal activity occurring within a twenty-four (24) hour period. A court proceeding refers to a single level of court, (i.e., general sessions, circuit, appeals or supreme court). An appeal, probation revocation, or other post-judgment proceeding shall be considered a separate case. This definition shall not alter the practice in the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure dealing with joinder and severance of criminal cases. Charges of a related nature shall be defined as charges against a single defendant that may have more than one (1) victim and that are similar such as, but not limited to: burglaries, drug offenses, or serial rape. Worthless check cases shall be defined and reported as all worthless checks filed by the same affiant against the same defendant within a twenty-four (24) hour period with each check counted as a separate charge. District attorneys general shall treat multiple incidents as a single incident for purposes of this statute when the charges are of a related nature and it is the district attorney general's intention that all of the charges be handled in the same court proceeding. If a case has more than one charge or count, then the administrative office of the courts shall count the case according to the highest class of charge or count at the time of filing or disposition for the weighted caseload study based on the formula set out in § 16-2-513(a).

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AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new section immediately after Section 4 of the printed bill and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

Section 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-513, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(d) The processing of case data by the administrative office of the courts for the purpose of providing the comptroller of the treasury with the information necessary to complete the weighted caseload study shall be subject to audit by the comptroller of the treasury. Any such audit shall ensure that the validation, verification, and compilation of case data are performed in accordance with § 16-1-117(a).